[0026] The indicating step may involve displaying a playing card in each area of the bingo cards where there is a hit. The presenting step may involve displaying the interim win pattern as a hand of playing cards and/or displaying the areas that form the interim win pattern in a manner that is distinct from areas that do not form the interim win pattern.

[0027] All of the foregoing methods, along with other methods of the present invention, may be implemented by software, firmware and/or hardware. For example, the methods of the present invention may be implemented by computer programs embodied in machine-readable media. The invention may be implemented by networked gaming machines, game servers and/or other such devices.

[0028] For example, some implementations of the invention provide computer software embodied in at least one machine-readable medium. The computer software includes instructions for controlling devices in a gaming network to perform the following steps: form a plurality of bingo cards by assigning a plurality of areas of each bingo card to corresponding playing card symbols; map bingo numbers to areas of the bingo cards, wherein the mapping differs as to at least some areas of each bingo card; provide at least some of the plurality of bingo cards to players; randomly draw the bingo numbers; indicate hits on each bingo card when a randomly drawn bingo number corresponds with a bingo number on an area of the bingo card; and determine when a player's bingo card achieves a winning pattern of hits, the pattern corresponding to a hand of playing cards.

[0029] Alternative implementations of the invention provide a gaming network for conducting a bingo game involving a plurality of players. The gaming network includes a game server and a plurality of gaming machines. The game server includes: at least one logic device configured to form a plurality of electronic representations of bingo cards ("bingo cards") by assigning a plurality of areas of each bingo card to corresponding playing card symbols and to map bingo numbers to areas of the bingo cards, wherein the mapping differs as to at least some areas of each bingo card; a random number generator for randomly drawing the bingo numbers; at least one port for providing at least some of the plurality of bingo cards and randomly drawn bingo numbers to gaming machines. Each gaming machine is configured to display the bingo cards, to indicate hits on each bingo card when a randomly drawn bingo number corresponds with a bingo number on an area of the bingo card, to determine when a player's bingo card achieves a winning pattern of hits and to display the winning pattern as a hand of playing cards.

[0030] Yet other implementations of the invention provide computer software embodied in at least one machine-readable medium. The computer software includes instructions for controlling devices in a gaming network to perform the following steps: providing B bingo cards to each of a first plurality of players; randomly selecting N bingo numbers; indicating hits in areas of the bingo cards, the areas corresponding to at least one of the N bingo numbers; and determining whether a winning pattern can be formed by combining hits in areas of more than one of the player's bingo cards.

[0031] Still other embodiments of the invention provide a gaming network for providing a wagering game. The gaming network includes a game server and a plurality of gaming machines. The game server includes: at least one logic device configured to form electronic representations of a plurality of bingo cards ("bingo cards") and to randomly select N bingo numbers; and at least one port configured for communication with a plurality of gaming machines and for providing multiple bingo cards selected from the plurality of bingo cards to players of each of the plurality of gaming machines. The gaming machines are configured to display the multiple bingo cards, to indicate hits in areas of the multiple bingo cards, the areas corresponding to at least one of the N bingo numbers, and to determine whether a winning pattern can be formed by combining hits in areas of more than one of the player's multiple bingo cards.

[0032] These and other features and advantages of the invention will be described in more detail below with reference to the associated drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0033] FIG. 1 is a schematic flow diagram illustrating one method for creating bingo cards for the morphed bingo game of the present invention.

[0034] FIG. 2 is a schematic flow diagram illustrating one embodiment for playing a game according to the present invention.

[0035] FIG. 3A is an elevation view of a display device illustrating one embodiment of a bingo card of the present invention.

[0036] FIG. 3B is an elevation view of a display device illustrating another embodiment of a bingo card of the present invention.

[0037] FIG. 3C illustrates an alternative display, including a bingo card, for implementing some aspect of the present invention.

[0038] FIG. 3D is a schematic illustration of a mapping of bingo numbers to non-bingo symbols according to one example of the present invention.

[0039] FIG. 4 illustrates an exemplary Bingo card for implementing some aspects of the invention.

[0040] FIG. 5 illustrates an exemplary Bingo card for implementing alternative aspects of the invention.

[0041] FIG. 6 is a mapping chart that illustrates the mapping of the numbers of the Bingo card of FIG. 4 to their corresponding playing card images of the alternate Bingo card of FIG. 5.

[0042] FIG. 7 is a flow chart that provides an outline of some aspects of the invention.

[0043] FIG. 8 is a flow chart that provides an outline of other aspects of the invention.

[0044] FIG. 9 is a mapping chart that illustrates the mapping of drawn cards to their corresponding places on the display of FIG. 10.

[0045] FIG. 10 illustrates a display when a 1st card is drawn in one example of a game according to the present invention.

[0046] FIG. 11 illustrates a display when a 7th card is drawn in one example of a game according to the present invention.